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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Communication dated October 2, 2002, from the Patent Examiner in charge of the above-identified patent application indicating that the Amendment filed December 27, 2000, was non responsive.

In a telephone conference on October 15, 2002, with Patent Examiner Christopher Atkinson, it was respectfully pointed out to the Patent Examiner that the Amendment filed December 27, 2000, in response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2000, was in fact fully responsive. This is because there were no prior art rejections against the claims, and therefore no comment was required upon any prior art.

Furthermore all of the formal rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 were fully responded to. This is because the drawings were amended

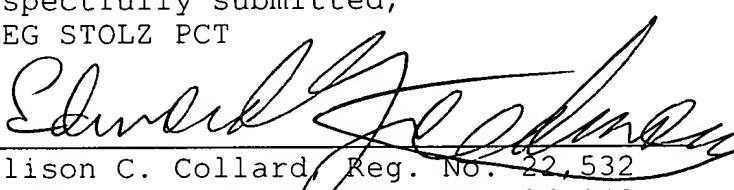
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to include the appropriate reference numerals, the Specification was amended to include the required section headings as well as a more detailed description of the subject matter set forth in the drawings. Also claims 54 to 81 were canceled without prejudice and new claims 82 to 109 were added, which overcame the formal objections against the claims. No new matter was introduced.

During this telephone conference on October 15, 2002, the Patent Examiner agreed that the previously filed Amendment of December 27, 2000, was fully responsive, and therefore the Communication dated October 2, 2002, was in error and will be withdrawn.

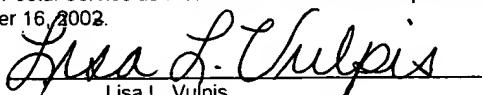
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